

RESOLUTION NO. 128-13

BY: **MARY GALINAS**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
"iWATCHNEOHIO" CRIME REPORTING
SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the goal of "iWatchNEOhio" is to invite the City of Parma Police Department to become a participating law enforcement agency; to encourage members of local communities to report suspicious observations and possible criminal behavior in order to impede and solve crimes; to increase community involvement and accountability for the safety of local neighborhoods; and to allow for anonymous tips and interaction with the police department to decrease unreported crimes; and,

WHEREAS, violent crimes encompass murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; property crimes encompass burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson; in 2009 the United States census reported 1,318,000 violent crimes and 9,321,000 property crimes for the entire country, approximately equal to 29,148 total crimes per day; in 2010 Cuyahoga County reported 6,455 violent crimes and 34,193 property crimes at a rate of approximately 111 total crimes per day; and,

WHEREAS, the proportion of the population of the entire United States to the amount of total crimes committed in the United States is approximately equal to the proportion of the population of Cuyahoga County to the amount of total crimes in the county at a rate of 0.034; while smaller in population, Cuyahoga County has a proportionate crime rate equal to the entire United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice reports that nearly 3.4 million crimes go unreported each year in the United States; proportionately the amount of crimes unreported in Cuyahoga County would amount to approximately 12,990 per year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma Police Department is urged to adopt the "iWatchNEOhio" Crime Reporting System; citizens of Parma are urged to download the free phone application, use the online website, and text/call the "iWatchNEOhio" Crime Reporting System at iwatchneohio.com and (216)539-9504; to actively report tips and leads of suspicious activity; to help fight crime and deter future offenders from committing such offenses; and to improve the safety of local neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports the "iWatchNEOhio" Crime Reporting System and urges the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to join the "iWatchNEOhio" Crime Reporting System. That the citizens of the City of Parma are hereby urged to download the free phone application, use the online website, and text/call the "iWatchNEOhio" Crime Reporting System in order to improve individual and community safety standards.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the City of Parma Police Department, United States Department of Justice, and iWatchNEOhio Fusion Center.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to decrease crime and injury of City residents, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO